

House Resolution No. 1413

Whereas, it is always a pleasure for the members of the Missouri House of Representatives to recognize an outstanding Show-Me State couple who have ceaselessly embraced the promises made to one another so many years ago; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Riley, treasured residents of Maryville, Missouri, will commemorate the jubilant occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration to be hosted by their loved ones on April 6, 2003, at the Pickering Community Building; and

Whereas, Drexel and Donna (Wilkinson) Riley have attained this impressive milestone by the sincere commitment they have demonstrated to each other since their marriage on February 8, 1953, in DeRidder, Louisiana; and

Whereas, over the course of the past half century, Drexel and Donna Riley have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Gareld and Vicky Riley of Hopkins, Danny and Connie Cline of Pickering, Tim and Judy Norris of Braddyville, Iowa, and David and Sally Palmer of Bolckow; eleven grandchildren and their spouses, Adam, Vivian and Kathy Riley; Jennifer, Mathew, Cari, and Brad Cline; Michael, Chad, Melissa, Brian, Ethera, and Angie Norris; and Brandon and Nathan Palmer; and four great-grandchildren, Cameron and Ryan Riley, Cody Cline, and Ethan Norris; and

Whereas, veterans of the United States Armed Forces, Drexel and Donna Riley truly serve as an example of the way marriage was intended to be as demonstrated by their enjoyment of daily companionship, their constant display of support for one another, and their shared commitment in respecting the feelings and opinions of each other; and

Whereas, Drexel and Donna Riley are an exceptional couple whose five decades of shared happiness, affection, and devotion so beautifully illustrate the abundant triumphs of a successful marriage:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Drexel and Donna Riley upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in wishing them continued prosperity as they begin their fifty-first year of wedded bliss; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Riley.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1413, adopted April 3, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker